# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1649
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SHORTAGE OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Indian Military and Security forces in North East States, particularly in Nagaland have faced difficulties in fighting against insurgents due to shortage of sophisticated weapons;

(b) if so, whether the Government have been supplying reconditioned weapons instead of new and sophisticated ones to the Indian Military and the Security forces deployed North East States, particularly in Nagaland which are unable to be fired in the nick of time of firing at insurgents; and

(c) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.